

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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27 January 1953

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 January 1953, a train of 6 converted boxcars with soldiers from Boetzow to Fuerstenberg was identified

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2. Troop trains from Lieberose between 4 and 29 December 1952 included: a train of 15 cars to Fuerstenwalde on 4 December; a train of 20 cars to Fuerstenwalde on 5 December; a train of 8 cars to Fuerstenwalde on 11 December; a train of 40 cars to Frankfurt/Oder on 15 December; a train of 50 cars to Frankfurt/Oder on 16 December; and a train of 50 cars to Frankfurt/Oder on 29 December.¹

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3. On 6 January, a train of eight cars with soldiers from Jueterbog to Wittstock

4. empty railroad cars to be made available between 6 and 10 January included 110 flatcars in the Erfurt railroad district on 6 and 7 January; 60 transitworthy boxcars at Erfurt and 60 transitworthy flatcars at Borna near Leipzig, daily since 8 January; and a VP train of 38 empty coaches which was to be dispatched from Pusewalk to Nordhausen on 10 January.²

5. the following empty railroad cars were to be assembled at the following railroad stations or railroad districts between 28 December 1952 and 4 January 1953:

Date	Number of Cars	Railroad District or Railroad Station	Shipment-Record Number
28 December	2 flatcars and 40 gondola cars	Hennigsdorf	19737
29 "	55 flatcars	Erfurt	19627

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Date	Number of Cars	Railroad District or Railroad Station
30 December	30 boxcars	Thoeningswerder
	36 flatcars and 13 gondola cars	Halle
	29 flatcars and 31 gondola cars	Halle
31 "	21 flatcars and 38 gondola cars	Halle
	52 tankcars	Frankfurt/Oder
1 January	40 tank cars and 16 loaded boxcars	Troeglitz
	55 flatcars	Erfurt railroad district
4 January	38 tank cars and 18 gondola cars	Troeglitz
	55 flatcars	Halle railroad district

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1. Comment. If the troop trains from Lieberose actually carried soldiers only, they were possibly recruits sent to the 7th Gds Weez Div in the fall of 1952. They returned to components of the division at Frankfurt/Oder or Gruenewalde in December 1952 after receiving basic training at the Lieberose troop training grounds.

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2. Comment. The flatcars assembled in the Erfurt railroad district were possibly used either for commercial shipments or for the transportation of engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army to Bad Koesen.

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3. Comment. Most of the empty railroad cars were probably used for commercial shipments.

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